

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the Claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A base services architecture for a netcentric computing system, comprising,

at least one web server connected with an Internet connection and at least one client; and

at least one web server service, at least one push/pull service, at least one workflow service, at least one batch processing service and at least one report service located on said web server;

wherein said batch processing service includes an extraction application that reads a set of records from an input file and selects records based on a set of predefined rules and creates an output file, an updating program that reads said input file and makes changes to a database driven by data found in said input file and a formatting program that reads said input file and restructures data from said input file according to a standard format to create a second output file.

2. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said web server service enables said web server to transfer and publish a plurality of documents in a web browser on said client.

3. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 2, wherein said documents are transferred to said web browser in an HTML format.

4. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said web server service enables said web server to transfer and execute a plurality of software applications in a web browser on said client.

5. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said web server service is capable of processing scripts on said web server in response to requests by said client.

6. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 5, wherein said scripts may be selected from the group consisting of common gateway interface scripts and active server page scripts.

7. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said web server service caches a plurality of web pages that are generated by said web server in response to requests from said client.

8. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said push/pull service automatically notifies members of a subscriber list on said netcentric computing system when a particular piece of information has been changed or updated.

9. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said workflow service uses said web server to control a plurality of business tasks that must be completed to process a business event in said netcentric computing system.

10. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said workflow service includes role management services, route management services, rule management services and queue management services.

11. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said batch processing service includes batch driver services, restart/recovery services, batch balancing services and batch report services.

12. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 11, wherein said batch driver services control execution of at least one batch application in said netcentric computing system.

13. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 11, wherein said restart/recovery services automatically recover and restart a batch application if an error event is experienced while the netcentric computing system is processing said batch application.

14. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 11, wherein said batch balancing service tracks run-to-run balances and totals of a plurality of predetermined data values for at least one batch application.

15. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 11, wherein said batch report services include at least one report application that automatically generates a predetermined report which summarizes the execution of a respective batch application on said netcentric computing system, wherein said report may be selected from the group consisting of an e-mail file, a printed document, a fax, an electronic archive file and an HTML document.

16. (Original) The base services architecture of claim 1, wherein said report services include report driver services, report definition services, report build services and report distribution services.

17-28 (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) A batch application framework for a netcentric computing system, comprising:

- at least one batch application;
- a driver program executed asynchronously for controlling said batch application;
- a system log for holding error, warning, and status messages that are generated by said batch application during execution of said batch application;
- at least one flat file for storing a plurality of data files that are used by said batch application;
- at least one data storage table that stores data that is used by said batch application;

a program run log that records statistics related to a single execution of said batch application;

a program status file containing a flag for indicating the successful run of said batch application;

a batch control table that is used to control restart processing and run-time parameters for said batch application, wherein said batch control table includes a character field and a numeric field, wherein said character field contains names of batch applications designed to use said batch control table, wherein said numeric field indicates a number of records processed at various points by said batch application;

a posting control table that contains totals of numeric fields used in said data storage table, wherein said posting control table is adjusted to reflect adds, changes, and deletes to said totals of numeric fields; and

a run control table for monitoring the status and size of said flat files, wherein said run control table further ensures that another batch application does not attempt to alter a respective flat file being used by another batch application.